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DIVISION THREE

Today's Visitors – from Greater Manchester – Welcome to

BOLTON WANDERERS

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Official Programme 40p



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- Unlucky Defeat



Our 2-1 defeat against Wigan Athletic on Tuesday was a disappointing result, particularly as I felt our performance over the ninety minutes was as good as we have given in any League game this season. There was some discussion about an offside decision being given in our favour when Wigan scored their first goal. While accepting that the final decision is the prerogative of the referee, I was disappointed that he did not at least discuss the matter with the linesman who had raised his flag.

Having said that, we came back well to score a fine equalising goal just on half-time with a great strike from Neil Bailey. However, rather against the run of play, Wigan scored the decisive goal in the second half. There were some encouraging features to emerge from the game, and I was particularly pleased with the way our new signings blended into the team. Andy Thackeray and Neil Bailey settled very well into the midfield and gave competent performances, while at full-back Steve Sherlock carried on where he left off in his recent loan spell. Our young goalkeeper Andrew Dillon deserved another chance after his promising debut performance against Aberystwyth in the Welsh Cup, and he gave a very confident display in his first Football League appearance only to be beaten by two terrific shots.

Difficult For Reserves . . .

On Monday we sent a very young side to Plymouth in the Macbar League to take on an Argyle team who fielded ten first-team players! After taking the lead with a Glynne Millett goal, a lead we held for twenty minutes, we suffered the misfortune of losing Kevin Hamer with a calf injury and Stuart Spencer with concussion. Not surprisingly, Argyle took advantage of our

inexperienced side and overwhelmed us in the latter stages of the game. While on the subject of injuries, Darren Peacock was readmitted to hospital on Tuesday for an exploratory operation on his shin and everyone at the Club wishes him a speedy recovery.

Congratulations David . . .

We were all delighted that David Abbruzzese won his second Youth international cap last week, giving a fine performance in Wales' 2-1 victory in Belfast over Northern Ireland. David is a central defender who, like many other youngsters at the Club, appears to have a promising future. Indeed, one of the pleasing features about the season has been the emergence of so many young players several of whom have already made their marks at first team level.

Vocal Support . . .

The rest of the players and myself were very pleased with the response of the crowd during our game last Tuesday. The numbers who attend our games are small but at least they have been getting behind the team in recent games. Whatever our fate this season, and don't forget there are ten games remaining in the Third Division, I am sure the lads will give every effort, both in our attempt to avoid relegation and to win the Welsh Cup and bring European football back to Somerton Park. Today's game with Bolton Wanderers is another vital one in as much as our visitors are also threatened with relegation, and I am sure that the encounter will be keenly contested.

Today's Cover Picture shows action from our Welsh Cup 5th Round 3-0 replay win over Aberystwyth as Roger Gibbins has a header blocked by 'keeper John Davies.

Pic: Jeff Morgan

INSIDE SOMERTON

With **RICHARD SHEPHERD**



Damage Control

● After some hard work by our groundstaff last Sunday and Monday, the damage to the side-panels of the main-stand, following the severe gales of eight days ago which caused the postponement of the match against Brentford, was repaired in time for the game against Wigan last Tuesday to go ahead. Police and Fire officials inspected the situation prior to that match, and declared themselves satisfied. The Brentford game has now been re-arranged for this coming Tuesday night (April 7th, 7.30p.m.).

Regular Visitor

● Our former goalkeeper Mark Kendall has not entirely left Somerton Park following his transfer to Wolves. On his weekly day off from training at Molineux, he trains here, and is currently hoping for promotion from Division Four with his club. Since he joined them, originally on loan, they've lost just three times in sixteen games, and Mark has kept an intact goal in eight of those matches.

Running Activity

● Newport County have been asked to nominate a representative to take part in an event called 'Football's Fun Run' which takes place next August at Norman Park in London. Two thousand players, including runners from every League club will be taking part in the project backed by the P.F.A. to raise money for charity. Six thousand fans are also invited to participate, and if any Newport County fans wish to take part in the event which covers six miles on Sunday, August 7th 1987 (the day after the F.A. Charity Shield), entry-forms can be obtained from 'Football's Fun Run', P.O. Box 450, 26 Cross Street, Manchester M2 7AQ, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

Meanwhile, County fan C.J. Penny of 19 Badsey Lane, Evesham, Worcestershire WR11 6AX, writes to say that he is a member of our Supporter's Club and will be running in this year's London Marathon on May 10th, and as a lifelong follower of the Club is willing to donate any sponsorship money he receives, to our fund-raising activities.

Today's Ball-Boys

● The eight youngsters on duty this afternoon are from nearby Eveswell Junior School - Jody Evans, Michael Binnings, Richard Staniford, Russ Howells, Andy Sidney, Richard Griffiths, Stephen Bromsgrove and Mark Collins.

Paul's Second

● Although many reports suggested that Paul Compton's goal against Aberystwyth Town was his first for the Club since coming from Torquay United in mid-December, it was in fact his second because what appeared to be an 'own-goal' by Port Vale's Alan Webb in our Freight Rover Trophy 2-1 victory here last January, was later credited to our defender.

County Lifeline

● The quarterly draw for the five-door Metro-City car takes place this afternoon together with the weekly £500 cash prize, and these will be done at half-time by Bolton's Public Relations Officer Nat Lofthouse, our opponent's former England centre-forward whom we are delighted to welcome to Somerton Park this afternoon.

Any member whose subscription is not up-to-date since the start of January (unless by prior arrangement) will not be eligible for the car-draw. At present, the membership total is 1,153 and when it reaches 1,200 the prize structure will be altered accordingly.

As regards the present prize

Here Next

BRENTFORD (Division 3)
Tues 7th April, 7.30p.m.
AFC CARDIFF (Welsh Lge Premier Division)
Sat 11th April, 3.00p.m.
PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (Macbar Lge)
Mon, 13th April, 3.00p.m.
DARLINGTON (Division 3)
Tues, 14th April, 7.30p.m.

structure, the Lifeline Committee are open to suggestions from members who may have views on alterations etc. The current committee consists of Beryl Lawrence (Secretary), Ron Dix (Treasurer), David Hando, Martin Greenham, Mr. B Thom.

The next £500 weekly draw will take place on Friday, 10th April at a venue to be announced.

Training-Kit Donations

● LLANWERN VILLAGE F.C.
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(RADCRAFT PLUMBING)

Reserve-Team News

● Two Macbar South-West Counties League matches were completed by our youngsters this week - at Plymouth last Monday and at Swansea last Wednesday. Not a successful trip to Home Park where we took the lead through Glynne Millett only to lose 10-1! By way of explanation, nine members of the Argyle side were regular first-teamers, and two of their goals came from our former striker Steve Cooper. The match at Swansea took place too late for inclusion in today's programme.

Welsh Cup

● The two dates for our home and away leg semi-final against Wrexham are as follows: HOME (Thursday, 16th April 7.30pm), AWAY (Wednesday, 22nd April 7.30p.m.)

BOLTON WANDERERS

Bolton Wanderers visit us today in a fixture which has vital significance for both sides. Their position in the Third Division is a little more secure than our own but, nevertheless, it has been a difficult first full season in management for Phil Neal. Problems in scoring goals have threatened Wanderers with relegation and the situation is illustrated by the fact that they have scored just twice in their last eight League games.

Having failed in a bid to sign Steve Berry from ourselves, Neal made one signing before last week's transfer deadline when he secured the services of Neil Matthews on loan from Grimsby Town. Leaving Burnden Park last week was left back Jimmy Phillips who was signed by Graeme

Souness of Glasgow Rangers for a substantial fee.

DEFENCE . . .

In February this year, 27 year-old goalkeeper **DAVE FELGATE** was signed from Grimsby for £16,000 to begin his third spell at Bolton, having begun his professional career there in the 1970s. He made his League debut in the first of two loan spells at Rochdale and he also played on loan for Crewe before moving to Lincoln City without having made a League appearance for Wanderers. While at Lincoln, Felgate won his only Welsh international cap and he had a loan spell at Cardiff City before joining Grimsby. His first appearance in Bolton's first team was against ourselves at Burnden Park last season

during a loan spell. Since Felgate's arrival, he has displaced former Stockport County goalkeeper **MIKE SALMON**, aged 22, who recently joined Wrexham on loan.

Full backs in last week's game at Notts County were **DEREK SCOTT**, aged 29 and 19 year-old **MARK WINSTANLEY**. Scott, who cost £20,000 when moving from Burnley in June 1985, had played in 285 League games for the Turf Moor club, having made his debut in their First Division days. He has subsequently played regularly for Wanderers except for a two month absence when he suffered a chest injury in this season's opening game. Winstanley, who like Scott has occasionally played in the centre of defence, made his debut last season and has been given



● **BOLTON WANDERER'S 1986-87 Line-up . . . BACK** (from left): Mark Came, Mike Salmon (on loan to Wrexham), Kevin Mailey, Simon Farnworth (now Bury), Jimmy Phillips (now Glasgow Rangers). **MIDDLE** (from left): Steve Carroll (Youth Team Coach), Steve Thompson, Mark Winstanley, George Oghani (on loan to Wrexham), Steve Elliott, Dave Sutton, Warren Joyce, Paul Clarke, Colin Irwin (Coach), Peter Nightingale (Physio.). **FRONT** (from left): Paul Allen, Julian Darby, Mark Gavin, Phil Neal (Player/Manager), Derek Scott, Tony Caldwell, Asa Hartford (Captain).

THEIR MANAGER

36 year-old **PHIL NEAL** replaced Charlie Wright as manager in December 1985. He began his illustrious career playing in the Fourth Division with Northampton Town, for whom, he played in 186 League games, before a move to Liverpool where he enjoyed 11 years of non-stop success. He won no less than eight League Championship medals, and played in four European Cup as well as four League/Milk Cup winning sides. In addition, he won 50 England caps as a full back between 1976 and 1983. He is approaching a total of 700 League games in which he has scored 71 goals, many from the penalty spot.

another opportunity with the departure of Phillips. **PHIL NEAL** (see separate feature) began the season at right back but plays only occasionally now.

DAVE SUTTON, aged 30, and **MARK CAME**, 25, have been first choices recently at centre back. Sutton, who began his career at Plymouth, was in the Huddersfield Town side who progressed from the Fourth to the Second Division. He joined Bolton for £12,000 in the summer of 1985 and is at present transfer-listed. Came, who was signed from Winsford United in 1984, has played fairly regularly in the last two seasons and played in one game as an emergency centre forward this season.

MIDFIELD

22 year-old **WARREN JOYCE** is likely to return to his regular midfield role today having missed last week's game through suspension. The former Bolton junior is usually partnered by **STEVE THOMPSON**, another 22 year-old product of the Wanderers youth scheme, and former Scottish international, **ASA HARTFORD** who is now 36. Team captain Hartford is in his second season at Burnden Park following a move from Norwich City. He was previously with West Bromwich Albion, Manchester City in two spells, Nottingham Forest and Everton, and recently topped 650 League appearances to add to his 50 international caps.

Winger **MARK GAVIN**, aged 23, has played regularly since Neal signed him for a small fee from

Carlisle United a year ago. He was previously with Leeds United and he had a loan spell at Hartlepool. 18 year old **JULIAN DARBY** has played in midfield, central defence and at full back this season, but the Bolton born player who signed a full contract last July recently lost his first team place. **IAN MULLINEUX** is another teenager who made his first team debut as a winger last September, but he has since been confined to the reserve team.

ATTACK

STEVE ELLIOTT, aged 28, joined Bolton for £25,000 from Walsall in the close season but the former Preston and Luton striker, who began his career at Nottingham Forest, has not had a trouble free season. He has missed occasional games with injuries and the fracture of a bone in his arm kept him out for a longer period around the turn of the year. His usual striking partner is **TONY CALDWELL** who is likely to return today after missing last week's game because of injury. 29 year-old Caldwell was a late entrant to League football and the former Horwich RMI player has been leading scorer in each of his three seasons at Burnden Park. **NEIL MATTHEWS**, Bolton's 20 year-old loan signing from Grimsby, deputised for Caldwell in a forward role last week, though he can also play in midfield. He has had previous loan spells for Scunthorpe

Their 1987 Record

January	F-A	Att.
3 Mansfield (Lge)	H 0-1	5,058
10 Coventry (FAC3)	A 0-3	12,044
17 Bristol R (Lge)	H 2-2	4,087
27 Burnley (FRT)	H 2-1	3,698
31 B'mouth (Lge)	H 0-1	4,219

February

3 Carlisle (Lge)	A 0-0	2,535
7 Fulham (Lge)	H 3-2	4,128
10 Chester (FRT)	H 1-2	3,900
14 Port Vale (Lge)	A 1-1	3,628
18 Darlington (Lge)	A 1-0	1,464
28 Chesterfd (Lge)	A 0-0	3,202

March

3 Brentford (Lge)	H 0-2	3,563
7 Chester (Lge)	A 0-0	2,764
14 Rotherham (Lge)	H 0-0	3,748
17 Blackpool (Lge)	A 1-1	4,717
21 Walsall (Lge)	H 1-0	4,308
24 Swindon (Lge)	A 0-2	8,110
28 Notts Co (Lge)	A 0-0	4,776

1986-87 Scorers

(League and Cup)
Caldwell 14, Elliott 9,
Thompson 9 (1 pen), Oghani 7,
Joyce 5, Gavin 4, Sutton 2,
Allen 1, Came 1, Darby 1,
Hartford 1, own goal 1.

and Halifax. Also making his Bolton debut last week in a forward role was **IAN STEVENS**, aged 20, who came on as substitute for Matthews. Stevens made eleven League appearances for Preston North End in the last two seasons but has been playing in non-League football this term.

26 year-old former Hyde United striker **GEORGE OGHANI** is expected to return from a loan spell at Wrexham next week.

DIVISION THREE 1986-87 (as it stands tonight)

Team	HOME				AWAY	
	P	W	D	L	F-A	Pts
1 AFC Bournemouth	37	23	7	7	62-37	76
2 Middlesbrough	36	20	8	8	51-27	68
3 Notts County	37	19	9	9	65-42	66
4 Swindon Town	35	20	6	9	58-37	66
5 Bristol City	36	18	9	9	55-29	63
6 Gillingham	36	18	7	11	55-39	61
7 Wigan Athletic	34	18	6	10	64-48	60
8 Blackpool	36	13	13	10	65-46	52
9 Mansfield Town	37	12	15	10	43-42	51
10 Walsall	33	14	6	13	56-55	48
11 Chester City	35	10	16	9	50-44	46
12 Chesterfield	37	11	13	13	49-56	46
13 Port Vale	36	11	11	14	57-54	44
14 Bury	36	11	11	16	44-39	44
15 Rotherham United	38	11	11	16	39-49	44
16 Doncaster Rovers	35	11	10	14	44-49	40
17 Brentford	35	10	11	14	47-54	41
18 York City	37	10	11	16	44-64	41
19 Bolton Wanderers	37	9	13	15	41-49	40
20 Fulham	36	8	14	14	47-65	38
21 Bristol Rovers	34	9	11	14	34-58	38
22 Carlisle United	34	8	7	20	33-59	31
23 Newport County	36	6	11	19	37-63	29
24 Darlington	34	5	14	15	34-59	29

Third Division Scene

● Raised eyebrows at Craven Cottage events recently, with all of Football willing tradition and **Fulham** to survive but, on Boat Race day, the action was on the pitch. No sooner had Oxford mastered the stormy Thames, than the Fulham defence sprung a few leaks, mid-table **Port Vale** rattling in six without reply! Hopefully, the Londoners will show similar benevolence when we visit them on Easter Saturday, but they have the consolation of knowing that Vale aren't the first to score six away Third Division goals — **Blackpool** have done it twice!

The won 6-2 at **Swindon**, and in February coasted home 6-1 at — you've guessed it — **Port Vale**! As the man said, it's a funny old game.

● Leading Vale's charge was hat-trick man Andy Jones. He was celebrating even before the game, injuries to the Welsh squad saw Jones called up by Mike England for last Wednesday's European Championship match with Finland.

● Looking around the relegation zone, the name of Fulham again appears. With just two League wins since November, they will be looking to player/manager Ray Lewington, now back after long term injury, to guide them to safety. Cyril Knowles, though, isn't involved. He was sacked by **Darlington** following the home defeat by Carlisle, and 24 year-old Paul Ward has a very hot seat to occupy as player/manager/captain!

● **York City**, for who John Lowey arrived on loan from **Wigan**, earned a point at **Mansfield** with a Keith Walwyn goal, whilst **Carlisle** followed up their win over **Darlington** by beating **Doncaster**, having recruited Andy Robinson from **Bury** who themselves beat fancied **Gillingham** 1-0, Nigel Greenwood scoring. Travelling County fans will remember Greenwood for his hat-trick against us in our 4-3 defeat at Gigg Lane.

● At the top, **AFC Bournemouth** still led last weekend, Mark Hine's own-goal giving them victory over **Darlington**. **Middlesbrough**, who acquired five feet three inches tall Steve Spriggs from Cambridge, head the challengers followed by **Notts County** and **Swindon**, despite their 3-2 defeat at **Wigan**. In addition to Steve Berry, **Swindon** have signed Craig Maskell on loan from Southampton.

● **Chester City** have reached their Freight Rover Trophy regional final, defeating **Wrexham** 3-1. There were some heated moments involving the Chester bench, and there will be many moments of tension over the last weeks of the season. The play-offs guarantee excitement, but the battle to reach (or avoid) them will be just as compelling.

Supporters Club News

by Secretary MAURICE SALWAY

● The postponement of last Saturday's home fixture against Brentford was a disappointment to all who anticipated seeing some new faces in the line-up. However, provided last Tuesday's game against **Wigan** was played, we will have some indication of the capabilities of some of the recruits. We welcome them all and assure them we will do all we can to assist them to settle. They obviously feel that Newport County have a future and it is up to us all to show that we think so too by our support on the terraces, in the enclosures, in the stand or wherever — so another special effort from all today.

Long-Distance Support

● When it comes to travelling to support the team for home matches, how many of us travel ten, fifteen or even twenty miles? — not many! Spare a thought, then, for those fervent County supporters who travel over one hundred and fifty (yes 150) miles each way for every home match; whether it be Saturday or Tuesday, it doesn't seem to make any difference.

I refer of course to our friends Bob and Rosemary Basden together with Chris Curtain and Dave Laws who live in the Hatfield and Welwyn areas of Hertfordshire, and travel down together for home matches. Not only do they make the journeys for home fixtures, but they can be seen at most away fixtures as well. They must really be looking forward to their shortest trip of the season when we visit Fulham on Easter Saturday. Well done Bob, Rosemary, Chris and Dave! It's always good to see you. What an example you set, and surely with more support like this we won't have gate problems.

Another regular traveller from London is John Ford whose home is in Malpas. He is now teaching in Rayners Lane. John can also be seen at most home and away matches as well as being a frequent player in the supporters' club football side when we play our match-day opponents supporters' club prior to the first team game.

Welsh Cup Semi-Final

● Confirmation of home and away dates for the match against **Wrexham** are HOME Thursday 16th April (7.30p.m.), AWAY Wednesday, 22nd April (7.30p.m.). Coaches will be run; further details will be given either in subsequent programmes or through the local press, to whom we are grateful for their continued publicity regarding our away trips.

Supporters Club Football Team

● The final match of the season will take place tomorrow against **Crusaders**. Congratulations are due to all the players who have contributed to a successful season. Our thanks initially to Darren Peacock and subsequently to Glyn Jones who have given up time to run training sessions on Thursday evenings during the season.

Forthcoming Trips

● A reminder of the proposed trips to away matches in April. Next Saturday we visit **York** and as previously mentioned, a stop will be made at Manchester City Supporters' Club on the return journey. If you are interested, and it should be a good evening, please book your seat as early as possible so that we can inform Manchester of numbers travelling.

Due to a quirk of the fixture lists, we are also away on both the following Saturdays. Firstly at **Fulham** on Easter Saturday and then at **Rotherham** a week later. After fulfilling these three fixtures there is only one further away League match, that being at **Port Vale** on Spring Bank Holiday, Monday 4th May.

Details

Sat, 11th April — **YORK CITY**: £8.00

Sat, 18th April — **FULHAM**: £6.50

Sat, 25th April — **ROTHERHAM**: £7.00

Departure times will be announced in subsequent programmes.

Bookings for all trips can be made in the Supporters' Club after each home match or by telephoning Newport 420674 between 7.00 and 9.00p.m. most evenings.

Bookings for Saturday matches must be made by 9p.m. on the Thursday before.

WHEN? WHERE? 1986-87

FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND SCORERS (Home Matches in Capitals)

OPPONENTS				F-A	SCORERS	Att.	Lge. Pos.
23 Aug (Sat)	GILLINGHAM	1-2	Lewis	2,533	—		
27 Aug (Wed)	Exeter City (LC1)	0-0	—	1,545	—		
30 Aug (Sat)	Bournemouth	1-2	Carter	2,799	21		
2 Sept (Tue)	EXETER CITY (LC1)	1-0	Gibbins	1,620	—		
6 Sept (Sat)	SWINDON TOWN	2-2	Berry, Mardenborough	3,769	20		
13 Sept (Sat)	Wigan Athletic	2-1	Lewis, Berry	2,163	18		
16 Sept (Tue)	Darlington	3-1	Staniforth, Carter, Berry	1,805	11		
20 Sept (Sat)	DONCASTER ROVERS	3-2	Carter, Lewis, Vinter	2,382	9		
24 Sept (Wed)	Everton (LC2)	0-4	—	11,957	—		
27 Sept (Sat)	Bury	3-4	Mardenborough, Carter, Vinter	2,136	10		
4 Oct (Sat)	Brentford	0-2	—	3,646	15		
7 Oct (Tue)	EVERTON (LC2)	1-5	Carter	7,142	—		
11 Oct (Sat)	CHESTER	2-2	Carter, Vinter	2,119	16		
25 Oct (Sat)	Chesterfield	2-3	Gibbins, Carter	1,895	22		
28 Oct (Tue)	CARLISLE UTD.	1-1	Gibbins	1,540	19		
1 Nov (Sat)	NOTTS COUNTY	1-1	Mardenborough	1,980	19		
4 Nov (Tue)	YORK CITY	1-1	Vinter	2,079	19		
8 Nov (Sat)	Bolton Wanderers	1-0	Millett	4,530	16		
11 Nov (Tue)	Swansea City (WC3)	3-1	Millett, P. Jones, Phelan (o.g.)	4,756	—		
15 Nov (Sat)	Bromsgrove (FAC1)	1-0	Vinter	3,440	—		
22 Nov (Sat)	MIDDLESBROUGH	0-1	—	2,876	18		
25 Nov (Tue)	Mansfield Town	0-1	—	2,319	19		
29 Nov (Sat)	Blackpool	1-1	Mardenborough	3,281	20		
2 Dec (Tue)	BRISTOL CITY	0-1	—	3,205	20		
6 Dec (Sat)	Fulham (FAC2)	0-2	—	4,052	—		
10 Dec (Wed)	Hereford (FRT)	0-4	—	1,358	—		
14 Dec (Sun)	Bristol Rovers	2-2	Gibbins 2	2,660	22		
20 Dec (Sat)	ROTHERHAM UNITED	1-2	Green (o.g.)	1,760	23		
26 Dec (Fri)	Walsall	0-2	—	6,855	24		
27 Dec (Sat)	PORT VALE	0-2	—	2,103	24		
1 Jan (Thu)	FULHAM	0-0	—	2,388	24		
3 Jan (Sat)	Middlesbrough	0-2	—	9,595	24		
6 Jan (Tue)	PORT VALE (FRT)	2-1	Compton, Vinter	826	—		
25 Jan (Sun)	Swindon Town	0-3	—	6,620	24		
10 Feb (Tue)	Shrewsbury (WC4)	1-0	Vinter	634	—		
14 Feb (Sat)	Doncaster Rovers	1-0	Gibbins	1,837	23		
17 Feb (Tue)	Gillingham	1-1	Gibbins	3,542	22		
21 Feb (Sat)	BURY	2-2	Gibbins 2	1,914	22		
24 Feb (Tue)	BOURNEMOUTH	0-1	—	2,143	22		
28 Feb (Sat)	Carlisle United	2-2	Gilligan, Vinter	2,192	22		
3 Mar (Tue)	Notts County	2-5	Staniforth, Vinter	3,814	23		
8 Mar (Sun)	CHESTERFIELD	1-0	Carter	1,567	22		
11 Mar (Wed)	Aberystwyth (WC5)	3-3	Millett, Vinter, Gibbins	3,000	—		
14 Mar (Sat)	Bristol City	0-4	—	9,137	22		
17 Mar (Tue)	MANSFIELD TOWN	0-3	—	1,383	22		
21 Mar (Sat)	Chester	0-2	—	2,561	23		
24 Mar (Tue)	ABERYSTWYTH (WC5 replay)	3-0	Gibbins, Compton, Vinter	1,420	—		
31 Mar (Tue)	WIGAN ATHLETIC	1-2	Bailey	1,428	24		
4 Apr (Sat)	BOLTON WANDERERS						
7 Apr (Sat)	BRENTFORD						
11 Apr (Sat)	York City						
14 Apr (Tue)	DARLINGTON						
16 Apr (Thur)	WREXHAM (WC SF 1st leg)						
18 Apr (Sat)	Fulham						
20 Apr (Mon)	WALSALL						
22 Apr (Wed)	Wrexham (WC SF 2nd leg)						
25 Apr (Sat)	Rotherham United						
2 May (Sat)	BLACKPOOL						
4 May (Mon)	Port Vale						
9 May (Sat)	BRISTOL ROVERS						

RECENT LINE-UPS . . .

March 17th v MANSFIELD TOWN (H)

Freestone, Jones L., Lewis, Berry, Compton (sub. Millett), Carter, Giles, Mills, Gibbins, Vinter, Staniforth.

March 21st v CHESTER CITY (A)

Plumley, Jones L., Lewis, Berry, Compton, Hamer, Giles, Gibbins, Mardenborough, Staniforth Jones R., (sub. Millett).

March 24th v ABERYSTWYTH TOWN (H)

Dillon, Jones L., Lewis, Berry, Compton, Carter, Jones R., Gibbins, Mardenborough, Vinter, Staniforth.
Non-playing sub — Hamer.

MATCH LINE-UP

NEWPORT COUNTY

h.t. f.t.
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Shirts — Amber with Black Trim
Shorts — Black with Amber Trim

- 1 Andrew DILLON
- 2 Linden JONES (Capt.)
- 3 Steve SHERLOCK
- 4 Andy THACKERAY
- 5 Paul COMPTON
- 6 Roy CARTER
- 7 Paul GILES
- 8 Roger GIBBINS
- 9 Gordon STANFORTH
- 10 Mick VINTER
- 11 Neil BAILEY
- 12

BOLTON WANDERERS

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Shirts — White with Blue Trim
Shorts — Blue

- 1 Dave FELGATE
- 2 Derek SCOTT
- 3 Mark WINSTANLEY
- 4 Phil NEAL
- 5 Dave SUTTON
- 6 Mark CAME
- 7 Neil MATTHEWS
- 8 Steve THOMPSON
- 9 Steve ELLIOTT
- 10 Asa HARTFORD (Capt.)
- 11 Mark GAVIN
- 12 Ian STEVENS

Referee: D.S. VICKERS

Linesmen: R. Thomas (Red Trim Flag)
K.R. Tilley (All-Yellow Flag)

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